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MEMORANDUM FOR ASS'T. DIRECTOR FOR COLLECTION & DISSEMINATION
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ASS'T. DIRECTOR FOR SPECIAL OPERATIONS

Subject: Action by JIC and CIC Representatives on Intelligence Terms

Enclosure: (A) Copy of Action by JIC and CIC Representatives on Intelligence Terms Submitted by CIC and JIC.

1. Attached for your information and guidance is a copy of the action taken by the JIC and CIC representatives on intelligence terms.

2. Each Office of CIA should take the necessary steps to insure that intelligence terms used in its work and correspondence are in keeping with the definitions agreed to on this interdepartmental basis.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE


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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

Subject: Intelligence Terminology, Definitions of

- References:**
- a. Chief of Naval Intelligence Memo for JIC and DCI, subject as above, dated 9 January 1947.
 - b. Director of CIG Memo for Secy, JIC, subject as above, dated 4 February 1947.

Enclosure: (A) Copy of Action by JIC and CIG Representatives on Intelligence Terms Submitted by CIG to IAB.

The Joint Intelligence Committee and representatives of the Director of Central Intelligence have considered all intelligence terms transmitted by the Central Intelligence Group to the Intelligence Advisory Board of Central Intelligence by memorandum of 2 December 1946. The definitions, or other actions, agreed upon are transmitted herewith for use in preparation of a professional dictionary of intelligence terms for all Federal intelligence agencies.

FOR THE JOINT INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE:

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ACTIVE INTELLIGENCE - Recommended nonusage.

AGENT - One who obtains, seeks to obtain or assists in obtaining information for intelligence or counterintelligence purposes, but who has no obvious connection with any intelligence agency or officer.

ANALYSIS - See Joint Army-Navy Dictionary.

ASSEMBLE - See standard dictionary.

BASIC INTELLIGENCE - Factual intelligence which results from the collation of encyclopedic information of a more or less permanent or static nature and general interest which, as a result of evaluation and interpretation, is determined to be the best available.

BRIEF - See standard dictionary.

CLANDESTINE - See standard dictionary.

COLLATION - See Joint Army-Navy Dictionary.

COLLECTION - See Joint Army-Navy Dictionary.

COORDINATION - See standard dictionary.

CORRELATION - See standard dictionary.

COUNTER-SABOTAGE - Recommend nonusage.

COVER - A cover address is one utilized for the transmission of a message to an addressee other than the person actually addressed. A cover name is a name other than one's own adopted for intelligence purposes.

COVERT - See standard dictionary.

CURRENT ESSENTIALS OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE - Delete.

CURRENT INTELLIGENCE - Spot information or intelligence of all types and forms of immediate interest and value to operating or policy staffs, which is used by them usually without the delays incident to complete evaluation or interpretation.

DEPARTMENTAL INTELLIGENCE - All intelligence, including basic, current and staff intelligence, needed by a department or independent agency of the Federal Government, and the subordinate units thereof, to execute their mission and to discharge their lawful responsibilities.

DISSEMINATION - See Joint Army - Navy Dictionary.

DISTRIBUTION - See Joint Army-Navy Dictionary.

DOCUMENT - See standard dictionary.

DOUBLE AGENT - An agent who serves the interests of two different countries at the same time, usually when the countries are in opposition, and usually although not always, with the complete knowledge of one of his principals.

ESPIONAGE - See Joint Army-Navy Dictionary.

ESTIMATE (n) - See Joint Army-Navy Dictionary.

EVALUATION - See Joint Army-Navy Dictionary.

EXPLOITATION - See standard dictionary.

FIELD INTELLIGENCE - Delete.

FIELD OFFICE - Delete.

FUNCTIONAL INTELLIGENCE - Delete.

GEOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE - Delete.

GRADING - See standard dictionary.

INFORMANT - See standard dictionary.

INFORMATION - See standard dictionary.

INFORMER - See standard dictionary.

INTELLIGENCE AGENCY - An organization, or its subordinate parts, primarily responsible for or engaged in the collection of information, the processing of that information into intelligence, and the subsequent dissemination of the intelligence produced.

INTELLIGENCE BRIEF - Delete.

INTELLIGENCE FIELDS - Delete.

INTELLIGENCE-INFORMATION - Information capable of being applied to intelligence purposes. This term pertains to those facts or data which have possible utility to appraisals of actual and potential situations, capabilities and vulnerabilities relating to foreign areas.

INTELLIGENCE RESEARCH - Delete.

INTELLIGENCE SERVICE - Delete.

INTELLIGENCE TARGET - Delete.

INTERPRETATION - See Joint Army-Navy Dictionary.

MONOGRAPH - See standard dictionary.

NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE - Delete.

NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS - Delete.

NATIONAL POLICY INTELLIGENCE - Delete.

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ORIGIN - See standard dictionary.

OVERT - See standard dictionary.

PASSIVE INTELLIGENCE - Recommend nonusage.

POLITICAL ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE (Polec) - Delete.

POSITIVE INTELLIGENCE - Recommend nonusage.

PRIMARY INTEREST INTELLIGENCE - Delete.

PROPAGANDA, BLACK - Delete.

PROPAGANDA, WHITE - Delete.

RAW INFORMATION - Recommend nonusage.

READING CENTER - An establishment where incoming information and intelligence reports are read to determine the subsequent routing of the material in accordance with the responsibility and interest of participating units and in accordance with the elements of urgency.

READING PANEL - The group of intelligence personnel operating a reading center, or performing the functions thereof.

REGIONAL BRANCH - Delete.

REGIONAL INTELLIGENCE - Delete.

REPORTING MANUAL - Delete.

RESEARCH - See standard dictionary.

SCIENTIFIC INTELLIGENCE - Delete.

SEMI-COVERT - Recommend nonusage.

SEMI-OVERT - Recommend nonusage.

STAFF INTELLIGENCE - Intelligence prepared by any department or agency through the correlation and interpretation of all intelligence materials available to it in order to meet its specific requirements and responsibilities.

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STATIC INTELLIGENCE - Recommend nonusage.

STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE - Delete.

STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE DIGEST - Delete.

SOURCE - See standard dictionary.

SUBVERSIVE - See standard dictionary.

SYNTHESIS - See Joint Army-Navy Dictionary.

TACTICAL INTELLIGENCE - Delete.

UNWITTING INFORMANT - Delete.

VET - Recommend nonusage.

WITTING INFORMANT - Delete.